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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 4, 2002. To date, we have not received the filing receipt, but have now received an Official Action.

Applicants wish to point out an error in the filing date awarded this application. The United States Patent and Trademark Office database lists the filing date of the aboveidentified application as April 9, 2002. See the attached PAIR The actual filing date was April 4, 2002 as printout. evidenced by the accompanying date-stamped postcard receipt.

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